

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 7, please replace paragraph [0028] with the following amended paragraph:

[0028] During assembly of combustor 16, initially domeplate 72 is machined from a near net shape forging. Filler material may be added to domeplate 72 to create filler projections 206 and 208. Projections 206 and 208 create a desired cooling slot height  $H_{GO}$  for outer cooling slot 236 and  $H_G$  for ~~inner cooling slot 236~~ ~~inner cooling slot 226~~, that is substantially constant through each respective slot 236 and 226. In the exemplary embodiment, the height of each cooling slot 226 and 236 is the same. Moreover, the filler material also creates a smooth cooling flow transition onto a flow surface 270 and 272 of respective inner and outer liners 44 and 40. Furthermore, the filler material also facilitates shielding seal member 260 from flame radiation generated within combustion chamber 54.